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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action identified above, and is further responsive in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Unrelated to any prior art, scope or rejection, appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 15-28 will be pending for consideration and examination in the application.

§112, 2ND PARAGRAPH REJECTION OBSOLETE VIA CLAIM CANCELLATION

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the concerns listed within the section on page 2 of the Office Action. Unrelated to any prior art rejection, ALL such claims have now been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering the rejection thereof obsolete at this time. Based upon the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §112, second paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

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REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §103

The 35 USC §103 rejection of Claims 1-14 is respectfully traversed. Such rejections have been rendered obsolete by the present clarifying amendments to Applicant's claims, and accordingly, traversal arguments are not appropriate at this time. However, Applicant respectfully submits the following to preclude renewal of any such rejections against Applicant's clarified claims.

All descriptions of Applicant's disclosed and claimed invention, and all descriptions and rebuttal arguments regarding the applied prior art, as previously submitted by Applicant in any form, are repeated and incorporated herein by reference. Further, all Office Action statements regarding the prior art rejections are respectfully traversed. As additional arguments, Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Unrelated to any prior art rejection, original Claims 1-14 have now been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering this rejection of such claims obsolete at this time. Patentability of replacement Claims 15-28 is supported in the following remarks from Applicant's foreign representative.

Some unique characteristics of Applicant present invention reside in:

(1) A conference data is prepared for each of first participants (*e.g.*, customers) of a potential conference, and each first participant can only access (*i.e.*, reference) conference documents respectively related to themselves (C.f. lines 21 to 15 at page 14 in the English specification).

(2) When the first participants (*i.e.*, customers) of a potential conference click one of the list of the conference documents, a desktop conference booking list

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prepared for a respective second participant (*i.e.*, vendor technician/salesperson) of the potential conference is displayed (C.f. lines 9 to 11, lines 11, 18 at page 17).

(3) The first participants (*e.g.*, customers) of the potential conference select a desired time and date of a potential conference from among the desktop conference booking list (C.F. lines 1 to 6 at page 18).

(4) When booking of the desktop conference is established, an electronic mail is automatically distributed to the first and second participants of the conference (C.f. lines 10 to 13).

(5). The desktop conference is then carried out by setting up a desktop conference room for each conference data in the desktop conference server (C.f. lines 4 to 8 at page 11).

In line with above-listed unique characteristics of the present invention, Applicant's clarified independent Claim 15 recites:

A method of conducting a desktop conference comprising:

allowing an authenticated first participant to gain access to a desktop conference system using a communication channel;

displaying onto a display device used by the first participant, a list of at least one conference document designated by a second participant to relate to the first participant;

displaying, when the first participant selects a document of the at least one conference document, a desktop conference booking list prepared for booking a desktop conference with the second participant, and allowing the first participant to

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select a date and time of the desktop conference from among the desktop
conference booking list;

automatically distributing electronic mail to the first and second participants
when booking of the desktop conference is established by the first participant, to
notify of the desktop conference; and

displaying the at least one conference document, and when at least one of the
first or second participants selects the at least one conference document at a booked
time and date of the desktop conference, setting up a desktop conference room in a
desktop conference server, and displaying a screen to conduct the desktop
conference in respective display devices used by the first and second participants.

Applicant considers that none of the cited references discloses or even hints
at the above-mentioned unique arrangement of Applicant's present invention.

As a result of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the applied
art (taken alone and in the Office Action combinations) would not support a §103
obviousness-type rejection of Applicant's claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and
withdrawal of such §103 rejection, and express written allowance of all of the §103
rejected claims, are respectfully requested.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area
number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested
actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to
allowance.

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RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

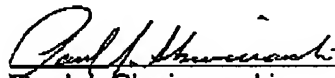
A Petition of the period for response to the Office Action mailed 19 November 2004 is submitted concurrently herewith (19 March 2005 being a Saturday). To whatever other extent is actually appropriate, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. A Form PTO-2038 also is submitted concurrently

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herewith authorizing payment of the requisite Petition fee. Please charge any actual deficiency in fees to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing case No. 500.41373X00).

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